

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2005    2:32 p.m.    Room 326 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services was called to order by **Representative Stahl**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**Chairman Stahl** laid before the committee a presentation by Mike Williams, President, Orchard's Children's Services, and Carmine DeVivo, Chief Operational Officer, Orchard's Children's Services.

**TESTIMONY**

**Mike Williams**, representing Orchard's Children's Services, testified in support of Family to Family.

**Carmine DeVivo**, representing Orchard's Children's Services, testified in support of Family to Family.

**Mary Beth Kelly**, Chief Judge of Wayne County Circuit Court, testified in support of Family to Family.

**Verlie Ruffin**, Associate Director, Michigan Federation for Children and Families, testified in support of Family to Family.

**Bob Petti**, representing Wolverine Human Services, testified in opposition to Family to Family.

**Ashley Tackett**, representing herself, testified in support of Family to Family.

**Donald Austin**, Associate Vice President, Child and Family Services, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, testified in support of Family to Family.

**George Winn**, Director of Child and Family Services, Wayne County Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, testified in support of Family to Family.

**Linda Lipscomb**, MSW, ACSW, Program Director for Homes for Black Children, testified in support of Family to Family.

**Jacquelyn Moffett**, President of Homes for Black Children, testified in support of Family to Family.

**Representative Pearce** assumed the Chair.

**Maria Kinsey**, MSW, ACSW, Program Director for Homes for Black Children, testified in support of Family to Family.

**Jessica Lindsey**, youth advocate and former foster youth, testified in support of Family to Family.

**Chairman Stahl** resumed the Chair.

**Denise Middleton**, a foster parent, testified in support of Family to Family.

**Christa Stinghcombe**, a birth parent, testified in support of Family to Family.

**Daniel Cowan**, Family to Family Trainer/Consultant, Michigan Department of Human Services, testified in support of Family to Family.

**Fred Harris**, Family to Family Trainer/Consultant, Michigan Department of Human Services, testified in support of Family to Family.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

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**Representative John Stahl, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services**  
Malika Abdur-Rashid  
Committee Clerk  
517-373-7256  
2 Hours 51 Minutes